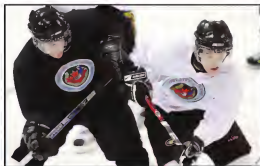




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Noyes to run for mayor in next election

KRIS DUBE
Times Staff

Ann-Marie Noyes will be stepping down from her position as councillor after 12 years.

Instead of having her name on a ballot to represent Ward 6 in the next municipal election, Noyes will be hoping to take the big chair on town council.

On Saturday, the Stevensville councillor announced her candidacy for mayor in the Oct. 25th election, saying it is time for a change in local politics.

In front of a crowd of about 200 people at the Fort Erie Conservation Club in Stevensville, Noyes highlighted a list of accomplishments made by various councils she sat on over the last 12 years using improve-

"Together we have been working to make our community a better place to live, work and play."

Ann-Marie Noyes

ments to storm water management problems and new services, programs and amenities recently made available in the community as examples.

"Together we have been working to make our community a better place to live, work and play," said Noyes.

"My plan is to continue in public service in a way that will help Fort Erie better position itself to meet future challenges," she continued.

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Local resident Bruce Schinkel showing Ward 6 Coun. Ann-Marie Noyes his support after she announced her candidacy for mayor in the next municipal election, taking place in October of this year. Noyes has spent the last 12 years representing the Stevensville area. Mayor Doug Martin has not yet registered.

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ARTS COUNCIL PREPARING FOR RED RIBBON EXHIBITION

Artist Donna MacLeod and local jazz vocalist Jeffery Arthur are just two of the many people being showcased at the Fort Erie Arts Council's Red Ribbon Exhibition and Art Sale at the Ontario Welcome Centre. The event takes place on Saturday Feb. 6th from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. It will kickoff with a fundraiser gala on Fri. Feb 5th at 7 p.m.

Campaign to address three issues

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There are three issues she intends to focus most of her attention on if she is elected mayor. The first is what she referred to as "responsible spending," saying that local taxpayers seeing nearly a 30 per cent increase over the last three years is not acceptable in her opinion.

"There is something wrong with this picture and we are not spending responsibly. We must learn to do more with less," she said.

She also feels more needs to be done to create and sustain employment opportunities in Greater Fort Erie, saying she has seen many businesses come and go over the years.

"In addition to attracting new businesses to our town, we need to look at initiatives to retain existing businesses," said Noyes.

The third focus she plans to take will be on improving services and

infrastructure within the community, making Fort Erie a more desirable place for younger generations to stay in or return to after completing their post-secondary education.

"For this to happen, there needs to be job opportunities, homes they can afford and a quality of life that our youth will find attractive," she said.

She closed her speech by saying she has proven to work tirelessly for her constituents over the last 12 years and has become a strong, reliable voice for the people she represents.

"I'm a person that works hard and treats everyone fairly."

Mayor Doug Martin has not yet registered to run for a second term, saying he has been very busy "keeping the town on track" over the last few weeks and that he has not made an official decision yet.

"There's a lot of time for me to make some sort of announcement if I want to," said Martin.

Peace Bridge open houses being held

The Peace Bridge Authority (PBA) wants to hear from local residents about its expansion project.

A series of open houses will be held on both sides of the Niagara River starting on Jan. 28th and coming to an end on Feb. 6th.

Five design concepts have been deemed suitable by Canadian and U.S. government agencies and the PBA wants to hear input from those who will be using the new bridge when it is built.

Hosted by the PBA and the New York State Department of Transportation, the open houses will take place on the Canadian side of the border at the PBA's board room, located at 100 Queen St., from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on February 4th and 5th. A third session will be held on Feb. 6th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"We're looking for feedback from the public as to what their preferences are in terms of bridge design," said PBA general manager Ron Rienas.

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New York State Armory, 184 Connecticut St., Buffalo, New York	Peace Bridge Authority Board Room, 100 Queen Street, Fort Erie, Ontario

Community support for Haitians taking place all over

There are 167 Haitians living in Fort Erie and the local community is doing what it can to provide help in any way it can for them.

On Thursday, *The Times* met with three Haitian gentlemen at Casa El Norte to discuss their own personal stories relating to the devastating earthquake that took place last week and how it has affected them.

Evans Nazaire, who is still awaiting for his refugee status has learned that his 10-year-old son is living in a damaged structure with his grandmother about 15-kilometers outside of Port-Au-Prince. He said he is still very worried since it is a very unsafe way to live but extremely grateful to know he is still alive.

"I'm very worried about my son and everything that is happening over there," he said. "When you watch TV and see what's going on, it's really scary," he continued.

Adrian Wilsonne, who is also an associate pastor at the First Baptist Church here at Fort Erie said he is very thankful for the amount of support being sent to his country after

this tragic event but hopes people realize it isn't just Port-Au-Prince that is in despair but the whole country needs to start from the ground up.

"The whole country desperately needs help," said Wilsonne.

Pierre St. Armand has been living in Canada for two years and currently works for Community Living. He said he is overwhelmed with feelings of thankfulness, knowing that so many people from North America are putting their own lives at risk to help his country that has literally fallen apart over the last two weeks.

"We really appreciate the fact that people are giving so generously to help rebuild our country," said St. Armand whose sister is a nurse in Haiti. "I think it is something that is really, really great," he added.

Nazaire said the most difficult part for survivors still living in Haiti is dealing with the shortage of food and water. Even when he still lived there, it drained his emotions having to tell his children there wasn't enough food and water available to get rid of

their hunger. And now that this tragic earthquake has taken its toll on his country and its supply of goods, things have become unfathomably difficult for parents of young children.

"Seeing your children crying for food and you don't have any to give them, that's really hard when you're a parent," said Nazaire who has been hoping to bring his family to Canada since he arrived two years ago.

At Bethel Pentecostal Church, the disaster has also hit home.

Pastor Joseph Michel is from Haiti and has family there struggling to survive. He recently found out one of his brothers passed away due to a lack of medical aid.

"It's hard to deal with it, but I try to control the situation and not let it control me," said the surprisingly upbeat Michel.

When asked how he keeps a positive attitude with family members suffering, he simply replied, "It is God's will."

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Adrien Wilsonne, left, Pierre St. Armand, Casa El Norte director Lynn Hannigan, Sister Carol Schwartz, Evans Nazaire and Sister Judith Carroll.

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by Arlene Miller, M.Sc.
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Audiologist

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Several local events planned

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He said he has to remain strong for the Haitian community in Fort Erie as they come to him searching for answers.

"Now that I am experiencing it, I understand these people's concerns more. I feel it. I have to be there for them."

Several initiatives have been developed this week to provide relief for Haiti. The Haitian Family Reunification Fund co-ordinated by the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre, with the help of several other local organizations, is accepting donations to help Haitians living in Fort Erie reunite with family members. It is also the Multicultural Centre's plans to lobby the federal government, explaining why immigration efforts

need to be accelerated and people suffering in Haiti can come to Canada for a better life with their families that are already here.

Scheduled events include an international relief day on Jan. 30th, to be held at the All Nations Mission Centre at 3397 Garrison Rd., a musicians night at the Crystal Chandelier on Feb. 5th, hosted by Elton Lammie and a pasta night at the Italo-Canadian Club on Mar. 11th.

Many other events are being planned by schools and churches. On Monday, Niagara Christian Community of Schools held an assembly, announcing its plans to raise money through Mission of Hope, a relief effort supporting Haiti.

An interfaith church service will be held at the Leisureplex banquet hall on Feb. 6th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Skatepark remaining in same spot

Kris Durd
Times Staff

The Fort Erie Skatepark isn't going anywhere.

At Monday night's council meeting, local politicians revisited its decision to locate the facility between Town Hall and the Fort Erie YMCA made two months ago, after a notice of motion to reconsider its location was made by Ward 5 Coun. Martha Lockwood at the previous council-in-committee meeting. The motion was defeated and the skatepark will remain where it was initially planned to be built.

When council approved 'site C' in November it wasn't unanimously supported, as some members of council were still concerned about some issues. These issues were still a great concern this Monday. There were three choices presented to council, all of them within the boundaries of the municipal centre.

Ward 4 Coun. Tim Whitfield feels the chosen location will cause problems in a few ways, but mostly with it being so close to Hwy. 3.

After the meeting, the Ridgeway-Thunder Bay councillor said the safety of park users is his main concern and placing the facility so close to such a heavily travelled thoroughfare is "ridiculous."

"How stupid is it to put a facility that's going to attract the youth of this community 35 feet away from a highway and assume a four-foot ditch is going to keep them away?"

He also mentioned how Town Hall, the Leisureplex and the YMCA are an

important part of Fort Erie's identity and placing something like a skatepark at the forefront of the property, highly visible from Hwy. 3 is not the right way to go, in his opinion.

"They're going to stick an abomination in front of it... that's going to be covered in graffiti," he said.

Niagara Regional Police (NRP) staff sergeant for the Fort Erie District Dave Hunter said the lines of communication between the skatepark advisory committee and the NRP have been wide open for months. He said it is not a function of the police to determine whether the site chosen is the most appropriate but addressing traffic safety issues is a crucial role for them.

He said the reduction of the speed limit along Hwy. 3 in front of the park is an "option that is being considered" by the regional government and that police will continue to work with the Town and the skatepark committee to alleviate the concerns of residents and local politicians.

"It's up to everybody to continue to communicate so we have the best and safest products for the users of the park and the people of Fort Erie," said Hunter.

Fort Erie YMCA centre manager Sharon Schilz said the site is supported by the YMCA and that it looks forward to seeing more youth attracted to the area. She also said the YMCA trusts the decision made by council, pointing out that the skatepark committee has provided many updates with its research and plans for the facility.

"They've been absolutely wonderful, keeping us involved through the whole process," said Schilz.



DO YOU REMEMBER?

Last week's photo taken outside of Industrial Plastics Canada Limited drew no response so it will go back in the unidentified people binders which are available at the Museum. Does anyone recognize this lovely lady sporting a hairdo that defies gravity? Please call the Museum at (905) 894-5322 or send us an email at museum@forterie.on.ca.

Shular looking for third term on council

Rick Shular is the second member of council to renew their candidacy for the next municipal election.

The Ward 2 Coun. is hoping to be elected for his third term, saying how quickly he registered at town hall proves he is eager to continue serving his constituents and that it was an easy decision to make.

"Proof of this is how early I registered," he said.

In last week's *Times*, Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley said continuity is of great importance in a municipal council and Shular said he agrees with that statement. There are many projects and developments that have taken place on Shular's watch and he wants to continue working on them for the next few years if he is elected again.

"I enjoy the challenge and it's an honour and privilege to serve," he said.

Shular said he feels Mayor Doug Martin will run for another term against Ward 6 Coun. Ann-Marie Noyes, who announced her candidacy last week. He also claims to have heard rumours about other individuals who may be seeking mayorship in the October election, saying he will continue to work closely with Martin if he does run and is elected again or whomever does end up taking over council's top position.

"I'm looking forward to working with whoever is successful," said Shular.

Residents will be heading to the polls on October 25 to elect their local leaders.



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Editorial

Community needs to pull together for local Haitian community

There is a new cause that needs to be heavily supported in the local community.

This week, several events and initiatives were announced to support the people of Haiti, providing relief for the devastated country. The entire world is banding together to provide relief, but what some people don't realize is how close to home this tragic event hits.

There are 167 Haitians living in Fort Erie and they need as much support as they can possibly get.

So, in the next few weeks when you're at home watching television complaining about how there is nothing to do... take a look into how many local events are taking place to help the Haitian community in Fort Erie and their family members still living there.

On Thursday, the Times met with three individuals who have fled Haiti and are living in Fort Erie and it was very difficult to hold back emotions hearing them speak about their family still in Haiti and the many unanswered questions they have about their safety and what it is going to take to bring them here to Canada.

So, when local businesses and organizations are looking for a local cause to donate to, think of the efforts being made by the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre and other organizations. Not only will you be making a difference in a country thousands of miles away, but also in the local community.

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

By Kris
Dubé



Skateboarding might be considered an unusual and unconventional sport... but there's no reason to discriminate against those who are extremely passionate about it.

With the Town getting ready to build a skatepark, there has been plenty of discussion about what the facility will provide for young residents and how it will affect everyone else. In my opinion, this is something I would have been ecstatic about back in the day when I was an avid skateboarder and would have to resort to using parking lots as a venue to practice the craft. Although it was many years ago, I vividly recall being politely asked to "take it elsewhere" by property owners who

likely thought we were also there to cause trouble and "get up to no good."

That wasn't slightly true at all and most of the time a parent of myself or one of my friends was nearby supervising us and would often provide transportation for us to do what we love. If the idea of a skatepark was being considered then, back in the early 1990s, I would probably still be practicing today but since I felt like I was doing something wrong every time I attempted a trick somewhere other than in my parents' driveway, I gave it up. I will admit that my interest in hockey and baseball did take over, probably because there was more opportunity to participate in those sports around town and it was considered to be more normal or acceptable by my elders.

Still to this day, I hear comments from people saying the skatepark is going to be riddled with troublemakers just looking for a place to "hang out." I'm sure there this will prove to be true but not on the scale that some are predicting. The stigma that skateboarders are rebellious and ready to cause problems needs to be re-examined by those who feel that

AROUND TOWN



Jim and Pam Yorlido getting the crowd warmed up at the Royal Canadian Legion Bar. 230's karaoke night last Friday. The local Legion in Ridgeway provides live entertainment every Friday night and will be hosting a benefit concert for Community Outreach Program Erie tomorrow.

At Monday's council meeting, a delegate in support of the skatepark made some very interesting comments that I need to mention. He appeared to be in his 40's and said he is still very enthusiastic about the sport, especially considering his two young children are both very passionate about it. He reminisced about his time as a skateboarding youth in Stevensville and how he and his friends would have to resort to using a parking lot behind a local convenience store to practice. He was asked if he fit into the category of those who also caused a little bit of trouble while working on new tricks. He responded by saying that absolutely was not the case and that many of his fellow skaters grew up to become outstanding citizens, referring to his own life and how he earned a degree in psychology when he left Stevensville.

This is a perfect example of how skateboarders are discriminated against and most of them are well educated and responsible individuals who have never been involved in any mischievous activity. I'm not saying this is the case for everyone who has ridden a skateboard, but this example is something people need to con-

sider. I'm sure there are many kids who have misbehaved in the dressing room before a hockey game...but you don't hear people assuming hockey players are troublemakers. I grew up attempting kick-flips and riding ramps...and I think it's safe to say that I turned out OK.

Skateboarding is a sport that doesn't instill the importance of competition but provides vast opportunity for individualism. The delegate pointed out how skaters are notorious for congratulating one another when they complete a new trick without falling and support one another in everything they do.

We've all heard about parents and coaches crushing the spirits of young hockey and baseball players because of how heavily the importance of winning is enforced on them when they simply want to have a good time with their friends and taking first place in a tournament is secondary to them.

So, anyone who can't get out of the mindset that the skatepark is going to be a hotbed for youth vandalism or underage drinking needs to realize that it is now 2010 and trends have changed since 30 years ago.

Younger people need to become more aware of hospital issue

Dear Editor,

Since I learned of the Niagara Health System's plans to restructure health care across the region—including laying off many nurses and paramedics, closing the emergency rooms in Port Colborne and Fort Erie, and moving many essential services like urgent care to hospitals in larger cities—I've assumed that this issue was a serious one that affected the lives of all community members in grave ways. Boy was I wrong.

When I attended the forum held by the Yellow Shirt Brigade at the St. Paul's Anglican Church on Wednesday, January 20th, I was shocked to see that I was the youngest person in the audience (with the exclusion of several Niagara College students who video recorded the meeting). At twenty four years old, I don't consider myself particularly young. Yet most of the audience members and all but one of the speakers appeared to be a senior citizen (with the exception of one young, retirement home worker who spoke on behalf of the elderly people she cares for). Apparently the closure of Douglas Memorial Hospital and related cuts to our regional health care is not a problem the younger generations must concern them-

selves with.

I think each of the speakers at this meeting must be commended for their courage in standing up before an audience and telling their stories. So many brought tears to my eyes because they involved so much unnecessary pain and trauma. My heart goes out to each individual who has lost a loved one or suffered themselves due to the inadequacies of our health care system. In a first world country like Canada, such experiences in our hospitals are absolutely unacceptable.

But this issue not only affects the aging population in Fort Erie. During this meeting, I wondered to myself: where are all of the parents, concerned about the availability of health services when their child suddenly develops a fever, begins choking or breaks an arm? Where are the young women who realize that immediate medical treatment is crucial when one is ready to give birth or in the unfortunate event of a miscarriage? Where are all the members of our town who recognize the threat of impaired driving to the lives of every motorist and pedestrian, who expect paramedics, nurses and doctors to be accessible to them and their families

which such accidents happen? As these medical emergencies, as well as many other illnesses, injuries and accidents show, whether you are young, middle aged or elderly, we all depend on quality and readily accessible health care.

The apparent apathy of young and middle aged community members, as shown by their complete absence at this very important meeting, depresses and discourages me. It also frightens me for the future of the health care within our community, and whether help be available when families need it most. This is not a fight that the elderly members of Fort Erie can—or

should—fight on their own. It is an issue that affects the lives of every person within this town and one which we must all come together and fight collectively for. On December 26th, a young girl lost her life due to the cutbacks to our health care system. It is time that members of this town stood up to say that Reilly Anzovino's death was completely unnecessary, and to pledge that this kind of tragedy must never happen again.

Nichole Bonner
Ridgeway

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The TIMES Asks

Why is it important for the local community and Canada to provide support to Haiti?



Martha Lockwood
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Moses Battigieg
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Josh Dubuc
"Since we're in a position to help we need to do anything we can to contribute to the cause."



Peter Collee
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(1) NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ON STREETS

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Traffic By-law No. 2000-89, Section 205 provides that "No person shall park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to remain parked" on any street in Town "between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on any day during the months of November, December, January, February and March."

The Town's By-law Enforcement Officers will be exercising vigilant enforcement of By-law No. 2000-89. Your vehicle will be issued a parking ticket and could be towed, at your expense, if found in violation of the by-law.

Enquiries may be directed to the Town's By-law Enforcement Officers by calling (905) 871-1600, Extension 2216 (Geoff Stephenson) or Extension 2215 (Jack Cox). Carolyn J. Kett, A.M.C.T., Town Clerk, Town of Fort Erie

(2) COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Town of Fort Erie is seeking individuals interested in serving the community by standing for appointment to some of its boards and committees where vacancies currently exist (*By-laws establishing boards and committees available on the Town's website www.forterie.on.ca under Town Hall "C" for "Committees".*)

Expressions of interest for consideration of appointment to the below noted boards and committees are invited from residents/business owners. *Applications must be completed on the form available on the Town's website www.forterie.on.ca under Public Notices – Board and Committee Vacancies, or the Clerk's Office* and will be received by the undersigned **up to and including Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.**

(1) FORT ERIE CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – One (1) citizen appointee vacancy. Purpose: To provide advice and/or recommendations regarding the operation, care and control of the Town-owned cemeteries and mausoleum.

(2) FORT ERIE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD – One (1) citizen appointee vacancy. Purpose: To manage the affairs of the libraries in the Town of Fort Erie. Qualifications: Town of Fort Erie resident, Canadian citizen and at least 18 years of age.

(3) FORT ERIE SKATEPARK COMMITTEE – Maximum of Five (5) citizen appointee vacancies. Purpose: To develop and implement fundraising initiatives as required to attain a portion of the funds necessary to construct the skatepark. When adequate funds are available, to advise in the locating and design of the future Fort Erie Skatepark.

(4) MUSEUM AND CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE / RAILROAD MUSEUM AND HERITAGE BUILDING DESIGNATION – Maximum of Four (4) citizen appointee vacancies. This committee is comprised of two sub-committees as follows: (1) Museum Services and (2) Built Heritage. Members are needed with specific interest in the Fort Erie Railroad Museum and the 6218 steam engine; and interest in designating heritage homes, buildings and sites and advising on the Point Abino Lighthouse. Sub-committees meet approximately once a month. Current projects include developing an inventory of heritage homes, raising community awareness regarding the 6218 repair project, and maintaining existing cultural heritage services. *This information is being collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used to select persons for appointments to Town of Fort Erie boards and committees.*

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Town of Fort Erie
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Applications can also be:
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REQUEST FOR TENDERS

(1) TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL WATER METER READING SERVICES

CONTRACT # ISO-01-2010

Sealed Tenders, clearly marked as to content will be received by Carolyn J. Kett, Clerk, Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie until 2:00 p.m. local time, on:

MONDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2010

Commencing immediately afterwards on the above date, tenders will be opened publicly at the Fort Erie Town Hall, Conference Room #3.

This contract is for the supply of residential and commercial/industrial water meter reading services.

Tender documents may be obtained from the Financial Services Department, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie ON starting Monday January 25, 2010.

The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie reserves the right to reject any or all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Infrastructure Services Department

Crystal Beach Gateway News

This is the Renaissance of Crystal Beach

The Crystal Beach Gateway project is an opportunity to have great public beach facilities without additional burden to Fort Erie ratepayers — it is the responsible thing to do.

The people of Fort Erie are being offered the opportunity to use private sector investment to improve public land and facilities, while keeping all of the public beach forever.

The project represents sound fiscal and resource management and will bring long-term social, cultural and economic benefits to Crystal Beach and all of Fort Erie.

It is part of the neighbourhood renewal that residents have desired for two decades.

The partnership between the Town of Fort Erie and the Molinaro Group seeks to enhance commercial activity, provide memorable fun and recreation for residents and visitors, and offer a vital civic presence in Crystal Beach.

The land currently used as a parking lot will be the site for construction of the residential building (less than 20 per cent of the waterfront lands).

No beach will be lost. The two other parking lots will be upgraded and open areas will be improved for public enjoy-

ment. Washrooms and an aid station will also be provided. Erie Road will be improved with traffic-calming features and a signature entry point to the beach.

Town council invites all who would like to comment to attend a **Public Meeting** this Monday, January 25 at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chamber.



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Fort Erie's Oldest Funeral Home becomes HAMMOND-DAVIDSON FUNERAL HOME

Exciting changes are happening at Fort Erie's oldest funeral home. As a new decade begins Hammond-Davidson Funeral Home (formerly Davidson Funeral Home) has a new name, new faces and will have a new upgraded look. As of January 15 the familiar building on Wintemute Street will serve the community through its managing Funeral Director Karl Hammond.

The home had a modest beginning at the turn of the century when the Attwood family opened their establishment on Dufferin Street just one block up from the Niagara River. As was customary at the time, the Attwood's enterprise also included a furniture store in the same building. John Attwood was the funeral director while his brothers Lloyd and Eddie served customers selecting furniture.

The funeral home was later moved to its present site on Wintemute Street. John and his wife lived in a small red brick home next door. In the mid 1950's Stanley Baechler (1916-1973) and his wife Celia (1914-1994) purchased the funeral establishment. It would be years later before they would change the name of the business to Baechler Funeral Home. During his time as owner Mr. Baechler was assisted by his father-in-law Mr. Ohm, and funeral directors such as Ray Wagner, Larry Williams and John Croal (presently Rev. Croal of the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Catharines). The Baechlers were very active in the community and even played a role in the founding of Niagara's Brock University.

In 1972 the Baechlers decided to retire and Allan Davidson acquired the funeral home. Mr. Davidson also owned a funeral home in Port Colborne and Welland. Through 1988 and 1989 the building underwent extensive renovations which saw, among other changes, the old red brick home removed from the property and a modern chapel constructed in its place. As the construction came to a close in 1989, the step-son of Allan Davidson, Mark McCormack, became the new owner of the firm and has provided consistent service for both Fort Erie and the city of Port Colborne.

As Mr. McCormack's interest came to a close last week considerable developments were being welcomed at the funeral establishment. Karl Hammond, a funeral director with a distinguished career spanning over 40 years, joined our Fort Erie community and became the managing director of the funeral home. The name of the establishment was subsequently changed to Hammond-Davidson Funeral Home to reflect this significant advancement. The immediate future will bring sweeping changes to the building at 21 Wintemute Street. Not only will the location be changed esthetically to reflect current design trends, but major interior structural enhancements will also be made to

foster an atmosphere that is both welcoming and comfortable.

"The role of the Funeral Director is vital to those who have lost a loved one and are in need of our services," Hammond said. "The characteristics that make a good funeral director are compassion and patience. People need to make a lot of decisions at a critical time within a short span. We are here to guide them gently through that process." When asked if things have changed for Funeral Directors over the past 40 years Mr. Hammond responded, "Oh, yes. Our clients recognize that we are people too and their attitudes have changed. Many of those I served also became friends and I was invited to parties and events whereas in the past many would shy away from us because of our unique occupation."

Initially Hammond will be the only Funeral Director at the home but as business increases staff will be added. Interior renovations will begin in March but the home will continue to operate while under construction and provide the personal service that is needed.

That familiar building on Wintemute Street will continue to operate but with new vision and an experienced, compassionate level of service. The community welcomes Mr. Hammond and the expertise he provides to the people of Fort Erie.



Introducing

Hammond-Davidson Funeral Home's New Director



Karl Hammond
Managing Funeral Director

Karl became a Licensed Funeral Director in 1969 after interning in Thorold. He later practiced in Listowel, London, and Guelph before returning to Thorold in 1982 where he established the very successful Karl A. Hammond Funeral Home. There he rendered professional and dignified service to the residents of the city until 2004. In the last few years, Karl has assisted at local firms such as Morgan Funeral Homes in Niagara Falls, which is Canada's oldest funeral home, and J.J. Patterson & Sons Funeral Residence in Welland. Karl has recently settled in Fort Erie and brings with him a wealth of knowledge and years of compassionate service to people of our community.

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Peace Bridge in good condition, says Rienas

MATT DAY
Times Staff

"The bridge is safe and it's well maintained."

That's the message Peace Bridge Authority (PBA) general manager Ron Rienas wants to make clear to anyone who uses the Peace Bridge.

This statement comes after New York State Controller Thomas DiNapoli issued a media release saying the 83-year-old international border crossing connecting Fort Erie to Buffalo is one of 93 bridges across New York that has a sub-par safety rating.

DiNapoli's report gave the Peace Bridge a condition rating of 3.323 out of a maximum seven points. That rating is sim-

ilar to the one given to the Lake Champlain bridge which was closed and then demolished at the end of 2009 for safety reasons.

Rienas said he was frustrated with the report, claiming it is an unfair assessment.

"The bridge is made up of 49 spans and only one of them received a rating of three while the others are rated four or five. The use of the lowest rating does not accurately show the overall health."

He said the report is a misinterpretation of the bridge's status.

"First of all, the [comptroller's office] never called us to verify the facts. They also must have not read the report thoroughly."

The 2009 inspection report executive summary states, "the

overall structural condition of the Peace Bridge is generally satisfactory to good," and over the past five years, all joints and bearings have been replaced along the approach and main spans of the bridge.

These repairs helped lead to the Peace Bridge receiving a 55 out of 55 for structural adequacy and safety.

According to the New York State Bridge Inspection Manual, there are 19 categories used to evaluate the condition of a bridge and the lowest-rated span is used in the calculation. Those categories include non-structural elements such as curbs, sidewalks, joints and wearing surface which are a significant factor in assessing bridge condition, but have little bearing on bridge safety or capacity, stated the PBA in a

letter written to Minister of Transport John Baird.

The span given the lowest rating is a small, 21-foot concrete vault in the U.S. plaza which has no significant bearing on the bridge as a whole.

Rienas said the Peace Bridge Authority (PBA) conducts its own comprehensive, annual inspection using independent and qualified engineering firms. That inspection is done to address and correct any potential future deficiencies.

He did recognize, however, the bridge would have to undergo some major repairs once a new bridge is built, but only to prolong the existing span's life. The PBA has stated it wants to replace the bridge deck and do some seismic analysis retrofitting, steel strengthening and painting.

Town gets slots revenue from OLG

On Wednesday, The Town of Fort Erie received \$279,648 for hosting OLG Slots at the Fort Erie Racetrack. The payment was for the municipality's third-quarter share of slots revenue, which ran from October to December 2009.

To date, Fort Erie has received more than \$30.7 million in non-tax gaming revenue.

Fire station not moving to Gilmore and Thompson Road

The Town of Fort Erie is no longer considering the idea of relocating Fort Erie Fire Department station no. 2 to Gilmore and Thompson Roads.

Collaborating with the Region's new ambulance and police facility at the location is no longer an option and Town staff will investigate acquiring lands elsewhere.

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• Flu season continues until April.

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LOOK! IT'S A BIRD!

The Bert Miller Nature Club and the Fort Erie Public Library (FEPL) are getting ready to start its "Nature in Niagara" public information series. The first of three sessions will take place Wed. Feb. 3rd, at the FEPL's Centennial Branch at 7 p.m. Treasurer of the local nature club Tim Seburn, president Dawn Pieronowski and Marcie Jacklin are hoping the series' kickoff theme "Wonderful Waterfowl" will attract bird watchers from all over the region and anyone else who is interested in learning about the hobby and how worthwhile it can be, especially along the Niagara River corridor.

Youth vandal facing charges

A local 13-year-old is facing two charges of mischief under \$5,000.

Between Dec. 17th and 19th, Shirley Ann's Florist was the target of two deliberate acts of vandalism,

resulting in over \$3,000 in damage.

Members of the No.5 District detective's office conducted an investigation resulting in the arrest of the local youth.

Greedy clerk charged by police

A local Avondale clerk is being charged with theft over \$5,000 after an investigation into internal theft conducted by Niagara Regional Police.

It was revealed that an employee stole and undisclosed amount of cash over a 10-month period.

A 41-year-old Fort Erie woman is being charged.



STORIES ABOUT HEALTHCARE

Charlene Heckman, left, Anne Kranics and Nancy Richer at the Yellow Shirt Brigade's public forum at on Wednesday. *The Times* will be providing more detailed coverage from the event in next week's issue.

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Boards and committees budget approved for informational purposes

On Wednesday night, town council approved a report for informational purposes, dealing with the budgets of boards and committees funded by the Town.

The Fort Erie Economic Development and Tourism Corporation has put in a request for \$593,195 which is \$12,525 less than its budget from last year.

The Fort Erie Public Library has requested a budget of \$1,220,000 for 2010.

All three Business Improvement Areas in the town are requesting \$22,000 for a downtown watering grant.

A total of \$76,990 in grants has been requested between six other committees within the Town as well.



KINETTES DONATE TO I-CANTER

Recently, the Fort Erie Kinettes donated \$5,000 to I-Canter, a therapeutic equestrian riding facility in Ridgeway. The money was collected through a variety of events held by the local service club.

BRICKS and Bouquets

If you have a brick or bouquet send it to editorial@forterietimes.com or phone 905-871-3100, ext. 210 and leave a message

Bouquet

To the residents of the north end who spoke out against moving fire station no. 2 to Gilmore and Thompson Roads. Another bouquet for the Town of Fort Erie for scrapping the idea and investigating a different location.

Brick

To people who are inconsiderate of their neighbours in so many ways, by doing everything from blaring loud music at night to leaving garbage all over your lawn.

Bouquet

To all the local organizations, school boards and businesses who are providing relief to the nation of Haiti.

Bouquet

To the Haitian gentlemen who shared their thoughts with the *Times*, about the tragic earthquake from last week. These are some of the strongest and resilient

people we have ever met and we wish them all the best, trying to bring their family members to Canada.

Brick

To people who think their ideas are the only ones that matter. If you want people to listen, you have to listen to others.

Bouquet

To the Yellow Shirt Brigade for continuing to fight for local health care services. Even though it seems like nobody is listening, they continue to do what is right for the community.

Bouquet

To the kind person who found my earring at the Douglas Memorial Urgent Care Centre. I just purchased them and I was quite upset when I thought I had already lost one.

Brick

To people who spend their spare time vandalizing and acting like idiots.

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Town needs people to fill spots on boards and committees

The Town of Fort Erie is accepting applications from local residents, business owners and taxpayers who are interested in filling vacancies on a variety of boards and committees.

Applications must be completed on the form available on the town's website www.forterie.on.ca or by picking one up at Town Hall.

Residents to discuss Crystal Beach Gateway project at public meeting

A public meeting under the planning act has been scheduled for this Monday's council-in-committee meeting about the Crystal Beach Gateway Development Proposal.

The meeting will take place at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.



Jim and Nancy Beam at their Stevensville home. Jim has been suffering from alzheimers for the last seven years but his wife Nancy is with him every step of the way.

Alzheimers doesn't get in the way of loving couple

When Nancy Beam's husband Jim was diagnosed with dementia, she knew her life would change forever.

For the past seven years she has seen the love of her life slowly drift away.

The 74-year-old former volunteer firefighter, General Motors worker and family man spends most of his days sleeping. For the few precious moments Nancy, 68, is able to spend time with Jim awake, she is making sure he eats, drinks and does the normal everyday things we take for granted.

But when it came to making a decision to keep him with her or to place him in a nursing home, Nancy said there was no decision at all.

"I wasn't going to let him go. We've been married for 26 years and I love him with all my heart."

The love she shares with Jim actually inspired her to build a new house on her farming property in Stevensville. The new home is suited for the couple by only having one floor, wide doorways and scratch resistant flooring. She said family and friends check up on the two and always lend to offer a helping hand whenever they need it.

Since January is Alzheimer Awareness Month, Nancy said she felt her voice should be heard. A new report has stated every five minutes someone in Canada develops dementia and she wants to let those families know they are not alone.

"There's all kinds of help out

there for families who have someone suffering with the disease," she said, specifically mentioning her church group and the March of Dimes - which she went to and asked for assistance.

She said each day presents a new challenge.

"Everyday is different. I never know how he's going to be," she said, choking back tears. "I just try to keep things happy and not become frustrated because you never know what tomorrow will bring."

She said she sees the condition slowly getting worse but takes every step with a grain of salt and tries to focus on the positive things in life.

"I have a strong support system around me, but it is hard to see him like this. It's hard to see your love not understanding what's going on around them."

Nancy also feels the emergency room at Douglas Memorial needs to be re-opened. In the past, she relied on the Bertie Street hospital to save her husband's life after he suffered numerous strokes.

Now, the closest hospital is in Niagara Falls or Welland, which makes things more difficult.

Still, she keeps her head held high.

"It's never too much and I want to be with him every step of the way."

Over the next 30 years, the number of people living with dementia is predicted to more than double, states the Alzheimer Society of Canada's website.

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YEAR OF THE DOG

Crystal Beach resident Dave Polch with his cocker spaniel "Boots" who has been selected to appear on the 365 Days of Dog Fancy calendar for 2010.

League's Prospects Game not just about the players



Brandon Caruana and his father Joe, accept a get well card during the pre-game ceremonies at Monday's Prospect Game held at the Leisureplex. Brandon's Grade 3 teacher, Angela Willett, presented the card, which garnered a standing ovation from his classmates and the rest of the fans.

MATT DAY
Times Staff

When the players hit the ice at the Leisureplex on Monday night, they knew a lot was on the line.

Playing in front of numerous scouts, family, friends and 750 more fans, the young prospects of the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League (GOJHL) gathered to showcase their skill in the annual Prospects Game.

But the night wasn't just about them.

It was also about eight-year-old Brandon Caruana.

The Our Lady of Victory Catholic School student was in attendance and was the guest of honour with many of his family and friends cheering him on.

Caruana is currently going through chemotherapy for a tumour that was discovered in his brain.

He's been staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Hamilton since September, but was able to drop the puck officially marking the beginning to the game.

"Words cannot express how it felt to have the entire crowd give him a standing ovation and see them all there to support him," said Brandon's father, Joe. "It was so overwhelming and at some points I had to choke back the tears coming from my eyes."

Brandon's family benefitted from the night after general manager Tony Passero and the Fort Erie Meteors

organization decided to donate all of the proceeds to a worthwhile cause, rather than trying to make a profit.

Richard Vander-Haeghe, secretary of the GOJHL, said \$3,500 was given to the Caruana family.

"It sent goosebumps down my spine to see him there and drop the puck," he said. "It just shows what good can be done when organizations work together."

Even the winners of the 50-50 draw, Louis and Sandra Fishman, donated the \$831 they won to the Caruans.

That money will be spent on medical costs and traveling expenses, said Joe.

Brandon's family also received a theme suite at the Great Wolf Lodge and a complete Ripley's package to enjoy all their attractions on Clifton Hill.

So far, it's been good news for Brandon and he is about to take a six-week break from chemotherapy before heading back for more treatment.

Not lost in all of the pre-game ceremonies was the actual game itself.

Meteors defenceman Chris Lane was the lone Fort Erie player to be invited to play and he took home the high performance award at the end of the night.

"I feel honoured for being selected to this game with all these great players," he said. "It feels good knowing that all my hard work is getting recognized."

The Black team, comprised of half of the Midwestern teams and all of the Golden Horseshoe teams lost 9-5 when all was said and done. Goals were also awarded to the team which won each individual challenge between periods, including a fastest skater competition and breakout competition.

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Births



It's A Girl!

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Sarah and Blake are pleased to announce the safe arrival of their daughter, **MADALYNN GRACE**. Madalynn arrived on January 7, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. weighing 7 lbs / 2 ozs. at Brantford General Hospital. Ecstatic first time grandparents are Dean and Melinda Zanchin (Ingersoll), 4th grandchild for Dale and Pauline Murray (Brantford); 1st great-grandchild for Richard and Sherry Zanchin (Fort Erie); Beverly Zanchin and John Raucher (Welland); 11 great-grandchild for Diane and Mike Johnston (Burlington); 4th great-grandchild for Peter and Mary Smith (Brantford). Madalynn is also blessed with many (great) aunts, (great) uncles and cousins. Thrilled first time auntie Alicya Zanchin cannot wait to take her shopping and spoil her.

Birthday greetings



Happy 85th Birthday

Dad!

January 21st, 2010
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Deaths



INSIRNA, Josephine (Josie) - Beloved wife of Sam Insirna, passed away peacefully at home on January 15th, 2010, surrounded by her family at the age of 84. Dearly loved mother of Anthony Insirna (Sandra), Tom Insirna (Michelle) and Arne Marie Ciancio (Bryon). Cherished grandmother of Samantha, Frank, Alex and Chris Insirna and Brienne and John Ciancio. She will be sadly missed by her sister-in-law Virginia Noto and family, her sisters Mary and Barbara and her brothers Nick and Sam Triana as well as her many nieces, nephews and dear friends. The family would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Alzheimers Society, the Parkinson's Society, Gilmore Lodge, the personal support workers from CCAC and the Red Cross and Paramed for their continued support and assistance in keeping Josephine in the comfort of her home. Friends called at the **WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME**, 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway, from 2-4 and 7-9 Monday. Vigil was held at the funeral home on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. George Roman Catholic Church on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. File of commitment followed at Ridgeway Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make a memorial donation to the Parkinson's Society or to the charity of your choice.

Birthday greetings



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